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To Whom It May Concern:

We submit the attached letter on behalf of Birla Carbon USA, Inc. pursuant to Paragraphs 72 and 73 of the June 11, 2018, Consent Decree between the United States of America, the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality ("LDEQ"), the Kansas Department of Health and Environment ("KDHE"), and Columbian Chemicals Company. Consent Decree, *United States et al. v. Columbian Chem. Co.*, No. 6:17-cv-01661-RGJ-CBW (W.D. La. June 11, 2018).

The attached letter provides written notice of a force majeure event and anticipated noncompliance with obligations under the Consent Decree as a result of equipment failure at Birla's Hickok facility ("Hickok").

We will update you with more details as they become available. Please contact David Buente at 202-255-8684 or dbuente@sidley.com if you have any questions in the meantime.

Best,

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